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Item 1(b) of the provisional agenda

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK OF THE SESSION

Organization of the work of the session */

A. Servicing of meetings

1. The proposals in this note are based on the availability of facilities during normal working hours, Monday to Friday, in accordance with the timetable of meetings in annex II.

B. Allocation of certain items to the Board in executive session

2. Paragraph 3 of the "Guidelines for the Trade and Development Board in executive session", adopted by the Board at the second part of its thirty-eighth session, reads:

> "3. The executive sessions of the Board may provide guidance to the subsidiary bodies of the Board and take action on the outcomes of the meetings of these bodies; take action on procedural and organizational matters; and provide timely preparation of the issues to be considered by the regular sessions of the Board."

In the light of the above, and in order to allow maximum time at the regular session for the consideration of the extended agenda, the Secretary-General of UNCTAD proposes that certain items on the agenda for the regular session be allocated to pre-sessional executive session of the Board (see provisional agenda for the pre-sessional executive session in TD/B/EX(1)/1).

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*/ As approved at the Consultations of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on 17 July 1992.

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C. Plenary

3. In order to allow regional groups to meet beforehand, Plenary sessions have been scheduled at 11 a.m. The afternoon meetings are devoted only to the Sessional Committees, in order to accommodate the needs of small delegations. This pattern of meetings also makes room for informal consultations among delegations on given agenda items. The allocation of items to the Plenary and Sessional Committees is indicated in annex 1.

D. Establishment of sessional bodies

4. The Board may wish to establish two Sessional Committees for the consideration of the items indicated below. It is also proposed that Sessional Committee II will convert itself into a Special Sessional Committee to deal with item 7 on LDCs (see section E below).

Sessional Committee I

Item 4 Paths to development: performance, problems and reform of public enterprises

Item 6 Trade policies, structural adjustment and economic reform: issues relating to national transparent mechanisms in the context of the fight against protectionism.

Sessional Committee II

Item 8 UNCTAD's contribution to the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s

Item 9 Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people in the light of the Cartagena decision.

E. Participation of representatives of the least developed countries

5. It will be recalled that paragraph 69 of the Cartagena Commitment reads:

"69. In order to facilitate the full participation of representatives of the least developed countries in its consideration of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s, the Board should establish in advance the specific organizational arrangements and dates for such work."

In the light of the above, during the second week of the Board, Sessional Committee II will convert itself into a Special Sessional Committee to take up item 7 on LDCs.

Special Sessional Committee

Item 7 Review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s.

F. Timetable of meetings

6. It is understood that the timetable of meetings in annex II to this note could be adjusted in the light of developments during the session.

Annex I

ALLOCATION OF PROVISIONAL AGENDA ITEMS */

PLENARY

1. Procedural matters:
   (a) Election of officers;
   (b) Adoption of agenda and organization of work of the session;
   (c) Adoption of the report on credentials;
   (d) Provisional agenda for the second part of the thirty-ninth session of the Board.
2. Follow-up to the recommendations adopted by the Conferece at its eighth session.
3. International implications of macro-economic policies and issues concerning interdependence: the recent evolution of development problems and prospects.
5. Sustainable development including UNCTAD's contribution to the implementation of UNCED's conclusions and recommendations.
10. Other matters in the field of trade and development:
    (a).Export promotion: report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT on its twenty-fifth session;
    (b).Progressive development of the law of international trade: twenty-fifth annual report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law.
12. Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters:
    (d).Designation of intergovernmental bodies for the purposes of rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the Board;
    (e).Designation and classification of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board;
    (f).Review of the calendar of meetings;
    (g).Administrative and financial implications of the actions of the Board.

Report of Sessional Committee I
Reports of Sessional Committee II, and
Special Sessional Committee

13. Other business.
14. Adoption of the report of the Board.

SESSIONAL COMMITTEE I

4. Paths to development: performance, problems and reform of public enterprises.
6. Trade policies, structural adjustment and economic reform: issues relating to national transparent mechanisms in the context of the fight against protectionism.

SESSIONAL COMMITTEE II

8. UNCTAD's contribution to the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s.
9. Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people in the light of the Cartagena decision.

SPECIAL SESSIONAL COMMITTEE

7. Review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s.

*/ Items 11, 12(a), (b) and (c) to be dealt with at the pre-sessional executive session.

Annex II

FIRST WEEK
(28 September - 2 October)

MONDAY 28/9	TUESDAY 29/9	WEDNESDAY 30/9	THURSDAY 1/10	FRIDAY 2/10
Group meetings 11 a.m. Opening of session 1(a) Election of officers 1(b) Adoption of agenda and organization of work of the session. Establishment of: Sessional Committee I (Election of Chairman) Sessional Committee II, and Special Sessional Committee (Election of Chairman)	Group meetings 11 a.m. PLENARY 12(d) IGOs 12(e) NGOs 10(a) JAG report 10(b) UNCITRAL report 3. Interdependence (opening of item)	Group meetings 11 a.m. PLENARY 3. Interdependence (contd.)	Group meetings 11 a.m. PLENARY 5. Sustainable development (opening of item)	Group meetings 11 a.m. INFORMALS: (3. Interdependence)
3 p.m. BUREAU (IGOs/NGOs; Other matters) 4 p.m. PLENARY Statement by SG/UNCTAD Any other general statements	3 p.m. SESSIONAL COMMITTEE I Election V-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur 6. Trade policies (opening of item) SESSIONAL COMMITTEE II Election V-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur 9. Asst.to Palestinian people (opening of item)	3 p.m. SESSIONAL COMMITTEE I 6. Trade policies (contd.) SESSIONAL COMMITTEE II 9. Asst.to Palestinian people (conclusion) 8. Africa (opening of item)	3 p.m. INFORMALS: (6. Trade policies) SESSIONAL COMMITTEE II 8. Africa (contd.)	3 p.m. INFORMALS: (6. Trade policies) SESSIONAL COMMITTEE II 8. Africa (conclusion)

SECOND WEEK
(5 - 9 October)

MONDAY 5/10	TUESDAY 6/10	WEDNESDAY 7/10	THURSDAY 8/10	FRIDAY 9/10
Group meetings 11 a.m. PLENARY 3. Interdependence (conclusion) 5. Sustainable development (contd.)	Group meetings 11 a.m. INFORMALS: (5. Sustainable dev.)	Group meetings 11 a.m. PLENARY 2. UNCTAD VIII follow-up (opening of item)	Group meetings 11 a.m. PLENARY 5. Sustainable dev. (conclusion)	Group meetings 11 a.m. PLENARY 2. UNCTAD VIII follow-up (conclusion)
3 p.m. SESSIONAL COMMITTEE I 6. Trade policies (conclusion) SPECIAL SESSIONAL COMMITTEE 7. LDCs (opening of item)	3 p.m. SESSIONAL COMMITTEE I 4. Public enterprises (opening of item) SP.SESSIONAL COMMITTEE 7. LDCs (contd.)	3 p.m. INFORMALS: (4.Public enterprises) SP.SESSIONAL COMMITTEE 7. LDCs (contd.)	3 p.m. SESSIONAL COMMITTEE I 4. Public enterprises (conclusion) INFORMALS: (7. LDCs)	3 p.m. SP.SESSIONAL COMMITTEE 7. LDCs (conclusion)

THIRD WEEK
(12 - 14 October)

MONDAY 12/10	TUESDAY 13/10	WEDNESDAY 14/10
Group meetings 11 a.m. Informal consultations on provisional agenda for TDB 39/11	Group meetings	Group meetings
3 p.m. BUREAU (Credentials and Other matters)	P.M. Adoption of report of SESSIONAL COMMITTEE 1 Adoption of reports of SESSIONAL COMMITTEE 11 and SPECIAL SESSIONAL COMMITTEE	P.M. PLENARY 1(c) Adoption of report on Credentials 1(d) Provisional agenda for TDB 39/11 Reports of SC.1, SC.11 and Sp.SC. 12(f) Calendar of meetings 12(g) Administrative and financial implications 13 Other business 14 Adoption of report of the Board